

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2009, claims 1 – 3, 5, 7 – 15, 18 -21, 31 – 35, 38 – 45, 47, and 49 – 54 are presented for examination, of which claims 1, 13, 31, 34, and 43 are independent. Claims 6, 17 and 48 have newly canceled. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

### ***Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 101***

Applicants thank the Examiner for the withdrawal of the § 101 rejection.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 34 - 35 and 38 - 42 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 6 - 12, 17 - 21, and 48 – 54. In this regard, the subject matter of claims 6, 17, and 48 have been incorporated into their respective independent claims and have been cancelled. Similar subject matter to that contained in these claims was also incorporated into independent claim 31. As such, all the claims in the application are seen to be in condition for allowance. Early passage to allowance is respectfully requested.

### ***Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102 and 35 USC § 103***

Claims 1, 3, 13, 15, 31, 32, 43, and 45 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0044080 (published March 06, 2003, hereinafter “Frishman, et al.”). Claims 2, 14, 33, and 44 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frishman, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,529,634 (issued March 04, 2003, hereinafter “Thyagarajan, et al.”). Claims 5 and 47 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frishman, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,539,060 (issued March 25, 2003, hereinafter “Lee, et al.”). Given the amendments discussed above, these rejections are now seen to be moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

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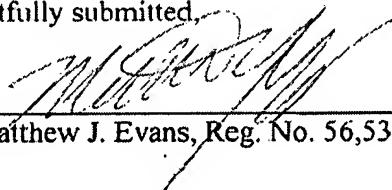
### CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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